

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant Major Robert Louis Cowherd, Junior's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Major Cowherd has devoted more than 36 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader in both the Engineer and Operations Fields, including service in the 109th Engineer Battalion and the Joint Forces Headquarters for the South Dakota Army National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Major Cowherd continues to give of himself; and,

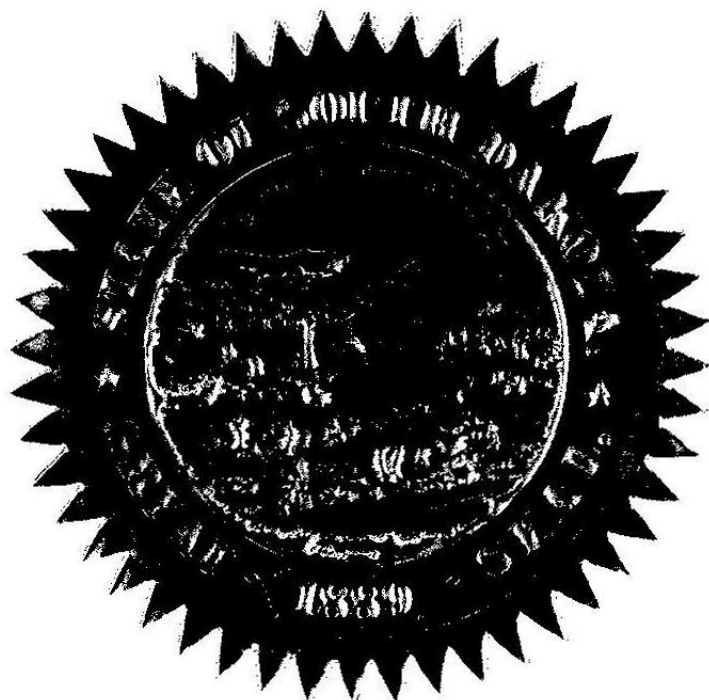
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant Major Robert Louis Cowherd, Jr., for more than 36 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2005, as

SERGEANT MAJOR ROBERT LOUIS COWHERD, JR. DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State